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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2011-261
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13	TERESA LYNN WALDO ACCUSATION
	904 S. Pacific Kelso, WA 98626
14	Thereby, Will Sound
15	Registered Nurse License No. RN 582946
16	Respondent.
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18	Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) alleges:
19	PARTIES
20	Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Interim
21	Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer
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22	Affairs.
23	2. On or about July 5, 2001, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number 582946
24	to Teresa Lynn Waldo ("Respondent"). The license was in full force and effect at all times
25	relevant to the charges brought herein. The license expired on September 30, 2008, and has not
26	been renewed.
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#### **JURISDICTION**

- 3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 4. Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code section 2811(b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

5. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct.
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action."

#### **COST RECOVERY**

6. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Out-of-State Discipline)

7. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a)(4), in that effective January 27, 2010, pursuant to an Order issued by the Arizona State Board of Nursing, in a

disciplinary proceeding titled In the Matter of Registered Nurse License No. RN131096 Issued to Teresa Lynn Waldo, Respondent's registered nursing license number RN131096 was revoked. The Order was based on Findings of Fact, including the following: 1) While employed as a registered nurse at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital, Respondent failed to document the administration of narcotics that she removed from the Pyxis, or failed to document the administration correctly, and failed to have the wastage of narcotics witnessed by a registered nurse; and 2) Respondent failed to comply with an Interim Order issued by the Board on May 17, 2007, wherein Respondent was to undergo a substance abuse evaluation. The Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order No. 0508096, is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 582946, issued to Teresa Lynn Waldo;
- Ordering Teresa Lynn Waldo to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,
  - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED:

JISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Interim Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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# EXHIBIT A

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

STATE OF ARIZONA

COUNTY OF MARICOPA

I, Joey Ridenour, Executive Director for the Arizona State Board of Nursing, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, do hereby certify that I am the officer having the legal custody for the records hereto attached in the office of the Arizona State Board of Nursing, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, a public office of said State. The attached copies are true copies of the records on TERESA LYNN WALDO. Personnel of the Arizona State Board of Nursing prepared the records during the ordinary course of business.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Arizona State Board of Nursing at 4747 N. 7th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85014-3655 on March 17, 2010.

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#### ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING 4747 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste 200 Phoenix, Arizona 85014-3655 602-771-7800

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE NO. RN131096
ISSUED TO:

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER NO. 0508096

#### TERESA LYNN WALDO

Respondent

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On January 27, 2010, the Arizona State Board of Nursing ("Board") considered the State's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted and Recommended Discipline and Respondent's Response to the Motion, if any, at the Arizona Board of Nursing, 4747 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Phoenix Arizona 85014-3655. Seth T. Hargraves, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the State. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

On January 27, 2010, the Board granted the State's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted.

Based upon A.R.S. § 32-1663(F) and Notice of Charges No. 0508096 filed in this matter, the Board adopts the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and REVOKES Respondent's license.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Teresa Lynn Waldo ("Respondent") holds Board issued registered nurse license number RN131096.
- 2. The Board has authority pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1606, 32-1663, and 32-1664 to impose disciplinary sanctions against the holders of nursing licenses for violations of the Nurse Practice Act, A.R.S. §§ 32-1601 to -1667.
- 3. In or about June 2005 through August 26, 2005, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Arizona through American Mobile Healthcare, an

agency. The Board received a complaint on or about August 31, 2005 reporting Respondent failed to document the administration of narcotics removed from the Pyxis or failed to document the administration correctly, and Respondent failed to have the wastage of narcotics witnessed by a registered nurse.

- 4. On or about February 2, 2007, in a telephonic interview with Board staff, Respondent said she knew she was under a lot of stress when she worked at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital but she didn't realize the stress was affecting her nursing practice. Respondent said she wished her charting problems would have been brought to her attention earlier so she could have corrected her problems. According to Respondent, a physician in Tucson prescribed Wellbutrin then Paxil after she had a reaction to Wellbutrin because her hair was falling out at an alarming rate. Respondent also reported when she was working at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital she had prescriptions for Vicodin, Valium, Oxycodone, and Flexeril for back problems probably the result of the stress she was under.
- 5. On or about May 17, 2007, the Board issued an Interim Order requiring Respondent to have a substance abuse evaluation by a Board approved psychologist.
- 6. On or about September 26, 2007, Respondent was notified by mail at her address of record the psychologist in the State of Washington she chose to perform the evaluation did not meet the Board's requirements for approval.
  - 7. Respondent has failed to comply with the Board's Interim Order.
- 8. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1642, Respondent was required to renew her license on or before June 30, 2009, and failed to do so.
- 9. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3202, the license of a health professional who does not renew the certificate or license as prescribed by statute and who has been advised in writing that an investigation is pending at the time the certificate or license is due to expire or terminate does not

expire or terminate until the investigation is resolved. The license is suspended on the date it would otherwise expire or terminate and the health professional shall not practice in this state until the investigation is resolved.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The conduct and circumstances alleged in the Findings of Fact constitute violations of A.R.S. § 32-1663(D) as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1601(16), (d), (i) and (j), and A.A.C. R4-19-403(1), (5), (6), and (25) (adopted effective July 19, 1995).
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute sufficient cause pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1664 (N) to suspend or revoke the license of Teresa Lynn Waldo to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Arizona.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

In view of the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1664(N), the Board hereby REVOKES registered nurse license number RN131096 issued to Teresa Lynn Waldo.

# RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09, Respondent may file, in writing, a motion for rehearing or review within 30 days after service of this decision with the Arizona State Board of Nursing.

The motion for rehearing or review shall be made to the attention of Susan Barber, Arizona State Board of Nursing, 4747 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ste 200, Phoenix AZ 85014-3655, and must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing. A.A.C. R4-19-608.

For answers to questions regarding a rehearing; contact Susan Barber at (602) 771-7851.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B), if Respondent fails to file a motion for rehearing or review

within 30 days after service of this decision, Respondent shall be prohibited from seeking judicial review of this decision. This decision is effective upon expiration of the time for filing a request for rehearing or review, or upon denial of such request, whichever is later, as mandated in A.A.C. R4-19-609. 5 Respondent may apply for reinstatement of said license pursuant to A.A.C. R4-19-404 after a period of five years. 8 DATED this 27th day of January, 2010. ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING 10 SEAL 11 Joly Ridenous Ron Am Jaan 12 Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N. 13 Executive Director 14 15 COPIES mailed February 5; 2010, by Certified Mail No. 7009 0080 0000 0434 0177 and First Class Mail to: 16 Teresa Lynn Waldo 17 904 S. Pacific 18 Kelso, WA 98626 19 COPIES mailed February 5, 2010, by First Class Mail to: 20 Seth T. Hargraves 21 Assistant Attorney General 1275 W Washington 22 Phoenix AZ 85007 23 24 By: Vicky Driver 25 26 27

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